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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24: STATEMENTS BY ZIMBABWE LEADERS

1. MUZOREWA, NKOMO AND SITHOLE ADDRESSED SPECIAL MEETING OF
COMMITTEE OF 24, MAY 9.

2. MUZOREWA SAID THAT ANC'S INTENT WAS NOT TO DRIVE
WHITES INTO THE SEA, RATHER TO DRIVE OUT COLONIALISM AND
RACISM. ANC WILL STEP UP ARMED FORCE IF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SMITH
BREAK DOWN. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD ENFORCE
SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA BY CLOSING PORTS OF BEIRA AND
LOURENCO MARQUES. AN ECONOMIC OFFSET TO MOZAMBIQUE WAS
REQUIRED, HOWEVER. USG SHOULD REPEAT BYRD AMENDMENT AND
CLOSE RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, WHICH
"ACTS AS AN EMBASSY" TO SERVE 5 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION,
THEREBY SABOTAGING MAJORITY RULE.

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2. NKOMO ALSO SAID THAT HIS WAS NOT A FIGHT AGAINST THE WHITE MAN BUT AGAINST THE SYSTEM. RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN QUESTION LIES IN LONDON, NOT SALISBURY. INDEPENDENCE SHOULD BE GIVEN BY UK -- ZIMBABWEANS DEMAND IT. HIS PEOPLE WANT MAJORITY RULE NOW; IF NEGOTIATIONS FAIL, ARMED STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE.

3. SITHOLE OBSERVED THAT FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE, THE THREE LIBERATION ARMIES WOULD JOIN. HE NOTED THAT US AND OTHERS TALK OF "NONVIOLENCE", BUT DO NOT SEEM TO OFFER MEASURES TO ASSIST PEOPLE TO IMPLEMENT IT. THERE IS A GROWING GENERATION OF PEOPLE IN RHODESIA WHO ARE ORIENTED TO THE USE OF FORCE, PATIENCE IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE.

4. IVORY COAST REP ASKED CONCERNING PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH SMITH. NKOMO REPLIED THAT ALL CONDITIONS OF LUSAKA AGREEMENT HAD TO BE MET FIRST (PRETORIA 1542 (NOTAL)). SMITH MUST A) RELEASE ALL DETAINEES; B) RELEASE ALL THOSE CONVICTED OF POLITICAL OFFENSES; C) RELEASE ALL THOSE SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR POLITICAL OFFENSES; AND D) RELEASE ALL IN "POLITICAL JAILS". NKOMO COMMENTED THAT THEY WERE DEALING WITH "STUBBORN PEOPLE". UNLESS THERE IS RADICAL CHANGE, HE CONTINUED, HE CANNOT SEE TALKS PRODUCING ANYTHING.

5. MUZOREWA CALLED ON WALDHEIM, WHO PRESENTED HIM WITH PLAQUE DUE TO BE GIVEN THE BISHOP IN 1973 ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADOPTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION.
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